



Help Stop Medicare Fraud

Health care error, fraud and abuse affect everyone.

Last year alone, Medicare lost billions of dollars to improper claims. This affects beneficiaries by wasting Medicare money that could be used to increase and improve health care services **AND** it affects everyone who pays taxes by wasting billions of taxpayer dollars.

Prevention Tips

To help prevent Medicare from losing valuable funds, and to prevent inappropriate care, it is important to report all suspected instances of error, fraud and abuse and instruct all Medicare beneficiaries on the following do's and don'ts.

DO:

- Use your **Personal Health Care Journal** to keep a record of the dates of Medicare services received
- Review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)
 - Did you receive the service or the product?
 - Did the doctor order this service, product or test?
 - Were you billed for the same service more than one time?
 - Is the charge or service related to your condition or treatment?

DON'T:

- Give out your Medicare number except to your doctor or other Medicare provider
- Accept "free" medical or other services in exchange for your Medicare or Social Security number
- Give your Medicare number to telephone callers or door-to-door solicitors (Medicare does not call or go door-to-door)

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